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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (WFC) THIRD SESSION

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ROME FOR FODAG

1. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED) THE THIRD SESSION OF THE WORLD
FOOD COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN MANILA JUNE 20-24, 1977.
THIS BODY, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BROAD OVERVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL
FOOD POLICY ISSUES. WHILE BRAZIL IS NOT AT PRESENT A MEMBER
OF THE WFC, BRAZIL PLAYS A ROLE IN THE PROCEEDINGS BY VIRTUE
OF ITS STATUS AS A MAJOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY PRODUCER AND
EXPORTER OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND ITS PRESENT POSITION
AS LEADER OF THE G-77 IN ROME. THE UNITED STATES UNDER-
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STANDS THAT BRAZIL WILL BE REPRESENTED BY AN OBSERVER IN
MANILA. FOR THESE REASONS, THE UNITED STATES IS PROVIDING
FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL TEXT OF
THE LETTER FROM AGRICULTURE SECRETARY BOB BERGLAND TO MIN-
ISTERS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE COUNCIL. THE UNITED
STATES WOULD WELCOME ANY REACTIONS THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL
MIGHT WISH TO PROVIDE. (END UNCLASSIFIED)

2. (BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL) EMBASSY SHOULD DRAW FROM ABOVE IN PRESENTING TEXT OF BERGLAND LETTER CONTAINED REFTEL TO APPROPRIATE BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT ROLE OF BRAZILIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO AND G-77 CHAIRMAN BERNARD BRITO IN ROME PREPARATORY MEETING WAS IN GENERAL NOT CONSTRUCTIVE. BRITO LED G-77 INTO TABLING SEVEN OF ITS OWN OMNIBUS DRAFT RESOLUTIONS STRESSING FAULTS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND HELPED TO BLOCK EFFORTS BY US AND OTHERS TO PERSUADE MEETING TO PRESENT MINISTERIAL SESSION WITH A CONCISE DRAFT STATEMENT AND AGENDA FOCUSED ON THE PROBLEM OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION. BRITO PLANS TO ATTEND MANILA SESSION. USG DOUBTS CONFRONTATIONAL STANCE WAS TAKEN BY BRITO PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS FROM BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT AND BELIEVES -- UNLESS EMBASSY PERCEIVES OBJECTION -- THAT GOB AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE INFORMED IN AS DISCREET A MANNER AS POSSIBLE THE DAMAGE THAT CONTINUATION OF SUCH A STANCE COULD CAUSE FOR INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE ON FOOD POLICY ISSUES. (END CONFIDENTIAL). VANCE

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